

## U.S. Women's Open

Champions Golf Club (**Cypress Creek**) • Houston, Texas • Dec. 10-13, 2020

### Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at Champions: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Colonial Country Club (intern, 2<sup>nd</sup> asst, senior assistant)

Hometown: Highland Village, Texas

Education: Texas Tech University

Number of Employees: 35

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 35

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Brady Forshey, Superintendent

Charles Crandal, Assistant Superintendent

Josh Truelove, Assistant Superintendent

Wesley Coots, Equipment Manager

Helen Grivich, Horticulturist

Brett Nutt, Director of Golf

Paul Brewer, PGA Professional

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Ralph Plummer (opened in 1959)

Renovation Architect (year): Chet Williams (2018)

Course Owner: Jackie and Robin Burke

Rounds Per Year: 20,000

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,731

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 9,581 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 1,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 22

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 43

Number of Water Hazards: 12

How many holes is water in play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Well

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .100"

Tees: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Fairways: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Tifway 419 / common bermuda / Palisades zoysia 3"

### Additional Notes

- 2018 renovation: Complete rebuilding of greens (from push up to USGA) and bunkers. Elevated #5, 9, 13 and 18 greens and added 5 back tees.

- Greens are very large with average of 9,581 square feet (comparison: Augusta average 6,486 sq. ft., Pebble Beach average – 3,500 sq. ft., Jackrabbit average – 6,997).

*Golf Course Management Magazine story on maintenance team:* <https://bit.ly/37rz9FF>

- *See Jackrabbit info on other sheet.*

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### Course Architect

Architect (year): George Fazio (opened in 1964)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Fazio (2002), Beau Welling (2020)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,558

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,997 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 1,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 37

Number of Water Hazards: 10

How many holes is water in play: 11

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Well

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .100"

Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .375"

Fairways: TifSport bermudagrass .400"

Rough: TifSport / Palisades zoysia 3"

### Additional Notes

- 2020 renovation: Complete renovation of bunkers in preparation for rescheduled U.S. Women's Open.

- First time U.S. Women's Open will be played on two courses. Having two courses doubled the work, volunteers and equipment needed for maintenance team to prepare the courses.

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- *See Cypress Creek info on other sheet.*

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